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In re Application of :
Sakharam D. Mahurkar :
Serial No.: 10/051,140 :
Filed: January 22, 2002 :
For: Improved Retractable Needle :
Single Use Safety Syringe :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to applicants' petition filed November 12, 2004 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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